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## (54) DEVELOPER CARTRIDGE HAVING SPACER BETWEEN HOUSING AND LAYER THICKNESS REGULATION BLADE

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#### (57)ABSTRACT

A cartridge include a housing configured to accommodate a developing agent therein, a developing agent carrying member configured to carry the developing agent, a layer thickness restricting member disposed between the housing and the developing agent carrying member and configured to restrict a layer thickness of the developing agent carried by the developing agent carrying member, and a spacer disposed between the housing and the layer thickness restricting member in a first direction in which the developing agent carrying member and the layer thickness restricting member face one another and in which is orthogonal to a longitudinal direction of the developing agent carrying member. The spacer includes a first engaged portion configured to be engaged. The layer thickness restricting member includes a first engaging portion configured to engage with the first engaged portion such that relative movement of the spacer and the layer thickness restricting member is restricted.

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